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**Appointment of a Board Member (with Responsibility as Audit and Risk Assurance Committee Chair) to the Livestock and Meat Commission (LMC)**

The Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) is seeking to appoint a Board Member (with responsibility as Audit and Risk Assurance Committee (ARAC) Chair) to the Livestock and Meat Commission (LMC). LMC is a DAERA Non-Departmental Public Body (NDBP) set up under the powers of the Livestock Marketing Commission Act (Northern Ireland) 1967 for the benefit of the livestock (cattle and sheep) and livestock products industry in Northern Ireland. It is empowered under the Act to examine and recommend improvements in the marketing of livestock and livestock products. In particular it undertakes market research, provides up to date market intelligence information, supports the promotion of beef and lamb in domestic and export markets and works closely with DAERA to improve the competitiveness of the sector. The LMC also operates the Farm Quality Assurance Scheme Northern Ireland for cattle and sheep within Northern Ireland. Further information about the organisation, can be obtained from the LMC website at www.lmcni.com.

**Time Commitment and Remuneration:** The LMC Member role requires approximately 36 days per annum, including 6 days as ARAC Chair and the remainder as Board member. This position is remunerated: £6,485 per annum plus an additional (pro rata) daily fee of £313 for work undertaken as ARAC Chair. Reasonable travel and subsistence expenses incurred on official business will also be reimbursed as will reasonable expenses incurred in relation to the care of dependants (including childcare costs) and/or any other appropriate expenses such as particular costs associated with disabilities.

**Terms of Appointment:** The successful candidate will be appointed for a 3 year period from 1st August 2020. An additional term may be offered subject to satisfactory performance and attendance.

**Application Process:** A merit based process will be applied alongside the Guaranteed Interview Scheme for applicants with a disability. Applicants will be expected to complete an application form demonstrating how they meet the essential criteria for appointment.

The essential criteria are: Representing an Organisation; Financial Planning and Management; Managing Risk and Audit Assurance; Strategic Thinking; and Effective Communication.

The Minister of the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs has asked for results to be presented in an unranked (alphabetical) list.

More information about this competition and about public appointments in general is available from the NI Direct website: [www.nidirect.gov.uk/public-appointment-vacancies](http://www.nidirect.gov.uk/public-appointment-vacancies).

An application form can also be downloaded from this website.

This is a Commissioner for Public Appointments for Northern Ireland (CPANI) regulated appointment. The Commissioner’s role is to regulate, monitor, report and advise on the way in which Ministers make appointments to the Boards of regulated bodies in Northern Ireland.

An application pack and further information is available by contacting Dolores Kelly, Ballykelly House, 111 Ballykelly Road, Ballykelly, Limavady BT49 9HP Tel: 02877 442025 or e-mail EqualityDiversityPublicAppointments@daera-ni.gov.uk.

This material will also be made available, on request, in other formats such as Braille, large print, audio, etc. All reasonable adjustments will be made to accommodate the needs of applicants/candidates with a disability.

**Closing date:** Completed applications must be returned to the Department by **4.00pm on** **27th March 2020**.

**Equality of Opportunity:** DAERA is committed to the principle of public appointments based on merit with independent assessment, openness and transparency of process. DAERA is committed to equality of opportunity and welcomes applications regardless of gender, age, marital status, disability, religion, ethnic origin, political opinion, sexual orientation or whether or not you have dependents. Since females, young people, people from black or ethnic minority background and people with disabilities are currently under represented on the LMC Board, applications from these groups would be particularly welcome.

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